Essay Writing assignment

In this worksheet you will be practicing all the steps necessary to brainstorm to write a 5 paragraph essay.  Follow the instructions for each step and complete what is asked of you in each step.

Step #1- Pick a topic.

*Choose one of the following topics*.

Topic choices- Music, Movies, Graduation, Pets, Sports, Video Games, Social media, Cell phones, Politics, Environment, or your choice.

Step #2- Brainstorm a list of possible topics related to the topic you chose.  (at least 15)  (see example) If you run out of

                ideas try to think of more specific things about what you have already written (as I have done in the brackets).

*Example*- Topic- Travel-

Brainstorm-Best Places to travel, risks of traveling, Best vacation spots, Places to travel in Canada, Places to travel in the United States, Hawaii (things to do in Hawaii), Jamaica (things to do in Jamaica), Transportation options for travel, travel tips, benefits/rewards of travel, Fun things to do when traveling, traveling in summer, traveling in winter, best times to travel, cheapest places to travel

Step #3-Create a thesis statement about your topic that has at least three reasons that support that thesis.

Thesis statement:  Travel can be very rewarding.

Step #4- Brainstorm a list of reasons that support your thesis topic.  (try to think of at least 10)

Brainstorm- Travel can be very rewarding

Reasons- See new places, learn about different cultures, new experiences, meeting new people, trying new things, trying new foods, Relieves stress, allows you to unwind, enhances your creativity, makes you happy, lowers the risk of depression, Lets you escape from your worries, improves social skills, improves communication skills, creates memories, gets you a real life education, boosts confidence, increases your tolerance for uncertainty, broadens your horizons

Step #5- Organize your brainstorm by grouping topics that are similar

**New experiences**- See new places, learn about different cultures, trying new things, meet new people

**Improves health and wellness**- relieves stress, allows you to unwind, makes you happy, lowers risk of

depression, lets you escape from your worries

**Educational**- improves social skills, improves communication skills, gets you a real life education, boosts confidence, increases tolerance for uncertainty, enhances your creativity

Step #6- Create an essay outline for a 5 paragraph essay using the information you have brainstormed and adding

specific examples and explanations. There should be an outline for an introductory paragraph, 3 body

paragraphs and a conclusion paragraph. (you will get another handout to help you do this)

Step #7- Write a rough copy of your essay by using the fill in the blank template. (you will get a handout to do this)

Step #8- Edit your rough copy for grammatical mistakes and to make improvements to wording, and your arguments.

You can do this directly on your rough copy.

Step #9- Write your good copy for your essay.